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For: ANTIBODIES TO LIPOPROTEINS AND APOLIPOPROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed February 6, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (four times amended) A method for determining the relative ratio of at least two different lipoproteins or apolipoproteins in a biological sample comprising: immersing into the sample a solid phase material having separately immobilized thereon at least first and second antibody molecules, wherein the antibody molecules are selected from the group consisting of monoclonal antibodies, recombinant antibodies and antigen-binding antibody fragments thereof, wherein the antibody molecules are immunoreactive with at least two different lipoproteins, wherein the first and second antibodies bind to different stable, conformation independent epitopes that are uninfluenced by the lipid content of the lipoprotein, protein component of the lipoprotein or lipid associated with the specific lipoprotein,